

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the communication filed on August 3, 2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3-11 and 13-20.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
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Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
 of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
 Paper No./Mail Date 101305.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with May Lin DeHaan on October 13, 2005.

1. The application has been amended as follows:

- In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A surround sound system, comprising: a surround sound tower being vertically disposed; a base plate being horizontally disposed; and means for angularly positioning the surround sound tower on the base plate, the surround sound tower being mounted on, and normal to, the angularly positioning means, wherein the angularly positioning means comprises: means for indicating an angular rotation of the surround sound tower relative to the base plate; and means for facilitating rotation of the angular rotation indicating means.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) A system, as recited in Claim [[2]] 1, wherein the angular rotation indicating means comprises a pointer plate having a visible marking, wherein the facilitating means comprises a plurality of ball bearings, and wherein the base plate comprises a plurality of angular indications.

11. (currently amended) A surround sound method, comprising: providing a surround sound tower being vertically disposed; providing a base plate being horizontally disposed; and providing means for angularly positioning the surround sound tower on the base plate, the surround sound tower being mounted on, and normal to, the angularly positioning means, wherein the step of providing the angularly positioning means comprises the steps of: providing means for indicating an angular rotation of the surround sound tower relative to the base plate; and providing means for facilitating rotation of the angular rotation indicating means.

12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A method, as recited in Claim [[12]] 11, wherein the angular rotation indicating means providing step comprises providing a pointer plate having a visible marking, wherein the facilitating means providing step comprises providing a plurality of ball bearings, and wherein the base plate providing step comprises providing a plurality of angular indications.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1, 3 – 11 and 13 – 20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

- The references of the Prior Art of record fail to teach, or suggest any obvious combination of the limitations discussed in the previous Office Action mailed on March 3, 2005, and further comprising the limitations

of (**With respect to claim 1**) wherein the angularly positioning means comprises means for indicating an angular rotation of the surround sound tower relative to the base plate; nor (**With respect to claim 10**) wherein the angularly positioning means comprises means for indicating an angular rotation of the surround sound tower relative to the base plate; and wherein the base plate comprises a plurality of angular indications; nor (**With respect to claim 11**) wherein the step of providing the angularly positioning means comprises the steps of: providing means for indicating an angular rotation of the surround sound tower relative to the base plate.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Contact Information

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edgardo San Martin whose telephone number is (571) 272-2074. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Martin can be reached on (571) 272-2107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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